

Amendments to the Specification

On page 12, beginning at line 19, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

As illustrated in Figs. 3 and 10, the present two-handled shovel 10 includes a hinge coupling assembly 40. See also Figs. 7A-9C. The hinge coupling assembly 40 comprises a hinge plate 44 hingeably mounted on the primary handle 14, and attached to the handle swivel ~~member 30~~ member 28 of the secondary handle 22. The hinge coupling assembly 40 has a base or mounting plate(s) 42 by which the assembly 40 is hingeably mounted on the primary handle 14. A base fastener means 21 is used to attach the base plate 42 to the primary handle 14. Other means for mounting the base plate 42 to the primary handle are known to and practicable in the present invention by one of ordinary skill in the art (e.g., ring clamps, welding, etc.). The hinge plate 44 is hingeably connected to the base plate 42 (the stationary member of the hinge coupling assembly 40) by a hinge pin 46. Additionally, the hinge plate 44 has a swivel connection 52 which couples the hinge assembly 40 to the swivel ~~member 30~~ member 28 of the secondary handle 22. The swivel connection 52, in the embodiments shown, comprises a swivel through hole 19c on the hinge plate 44 which corresponds to the swivel member through hole(s) 19b on the swivel ~~member 30~~ member 28 of the secondary handle 22. A swivel fastener 54 aligns and passes through the through holes 19b & 19c, and joins the swivel ~~member 30~~ member 28 of the secondary handle 22 to the hinge coupling assembly 40. The swivel fastener 54 provides an engagement means connecting the swivel ~~member 30~~ member 28 of the secondary handle 22 to the hinge coupling assembly 40 in a common plane of rotation relative to each other.